

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-13. (Cancelled)**

**14. (Currently amended)** A method of recovering decreased corneal sensitivity after surgery in a subject with a damaged or cut corneal nerve axon, which comprises topically administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor SSTR2 or SSTR4 agonist butyl 6-amino-2-(3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-((4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-1-yl)piperidine-1-carbonyl)amino)propionylamino)hexanoate or 1-(3-(N-(5-bromopyridin-2-yl)-N-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)amino)propyl)-3-(3-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)propyl)thiourea to the eye of a subject with a damaged or cut corneal nerve axon in need of the recovery of corneal sensitivity.

**15-22. (Cancelled)**